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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	JP 11-228820 A (Toyobo Co., Ltd.), 24 August, 1999 (24.08.99), Claims; page 5, Par. No. [0036]; table 2 (Family: none)	1-4, 6, 9-18
A	WO 96/10661 A (THE DOW CHEMICAL CO.), 11 April, 1996 (11.04.96), Abstract & CN 1159836 A & DE 69513844 E & EP 783603 A1 & EP 783603 B & JP 8-170222 A & MX 9702304 A & US 5525638 A	1-18

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A	JP 2001-11311 A (Toyobo Co., Ltd.), 16 January, 2001 (16.01.01), Claims (Family: none)	1-18
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<Subject of search>

Claims 1, 2, and 8-18 specify the polybenzazole fiber by means of characteristic values "a tensile strength retention, measured after exposure in an atmosphere of 80°C and 80% relative humidity for 700 hr, of --% or higher" and "a strength retention, measured after exposure to xenon radiation for 100 hr, of 50% or higher", and this definition comprehends an enormous scope. However, only some of claimed polybenzazole fibers are supported by the description within the meaning of PCT Article 6 and disclosed therein within the meaning of PCT Article 5.

Therefore, this search has been limited to those supported and disclosed in the description, namely, polybenzazole fibers containing as an organic pigment any of insoluble azo dyes, condensed azo dyes, dye lakes, isoindolinones, dioxazines, perinone and/or perylenes, phthalocyanines and quinacridones.